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**PATENT  
MAIL STOP RCE**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE**

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed on June 2, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, petition for a five (5) month extension of time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Office Action to and through July 3, 2006 (July 2, 2006 being a Sunday) in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 2, 2005.